

Subject: What CD13 gets out of the FY '17-'18 Budget

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My colleagues and I voted this week on the City's Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. The Budget provides funding for several District-specific initiatives and projects, preserves our public safety resources, and addresses our homelessness crisis.

I helped secure funding for projects that will improve safety in our neighborhoods and rehabilitate completely failed neighborhood streets in the 13th District.

Here's a complete list of the funding I secured:

SUNSET BOULEVARD UNDERPASS ARCHWAY PROJECT (\$100,000) - Funds will go toward enhancing the overall look and feel of the gateway, while improving safety at the Silver Lake Boulevard archway under Sunset Boulevard.

ELYSIAN VALLEY SHARED PATH IMPROVEMENTS (\$1,000,000) - A collaboration with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the funding will go toward improving pedestrian and bicycle safety along the Los Angeles River Shared Path.

RECREATION AND PARKS JOBS PROGRAM (\$2.75M) - Advocated to return funding and jobs to maintain Recreation and Parks facilities. The funding will be used to hire gardeners.

embRACE LA PROGRAMMING (\$500,000) - The allocation is a partnership with the Council President's office that will be used to conduct programming related to race and cultural relations across the City of Los Angeles.

ECHO PARK FIRE STATION 20 - Funding to restore personnel and an engine to this busy facility to its historic levels, which will provide quicker emergency response times and service in the area and beyond.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Funding to keep the LAPD force at 10,000 strong and to hire 75 new firefighters next year.

We also approved funding to increase appropriations for bike and pedestrian safety projects under the City's Vision Zero plan, and earmarked funding for reconstruction of failing streets and alleys.

I want to thank the Mayor for including the District projects in his budget. I also want

to thank the City Departments and my colleagues on the Budget and Finance Committee for working with my office to approve these items that will improve public safety and fix our aging infrastructure. I look forward to working with the community to implement all these improvements in the 13th District in the years ahead.

Warm regards,



MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

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HOLLYWOOD - Councilmember O'Farrell will hold his next community walk on **Saturday, May 20, 2017, 9:00 a.m., at the Grant Early Education Center, 1559 St Andrews Place**. In addition to going door-to-door to distribute important contact information for free City services, the group will also participate in a community clean up and beautification project.

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COMING UP

SAT 5/20 [EYES ON CHECHNYA MARCH](#)

MON 5/22 [NORTH ATWATER BRIDGE DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE](#)

TUES 5/23 [INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY IN COMMITTEE](#)

HEADLINES

City releases Draft North Westlake Design Ordinance [\[City Planning\]](#)

Police seek suspect in Echo Park stabbing [\[Eastsider\]](#)

Echo Park homes set to be preserved [\[LA Business Journal\]](#)

Elected leaders urge Trump to condemn concentration camps [[Beverly Press](#)]

A different view of Silver Lake [[Eastsider](#)]

RESERVOIR SOUTH DAM TOUR



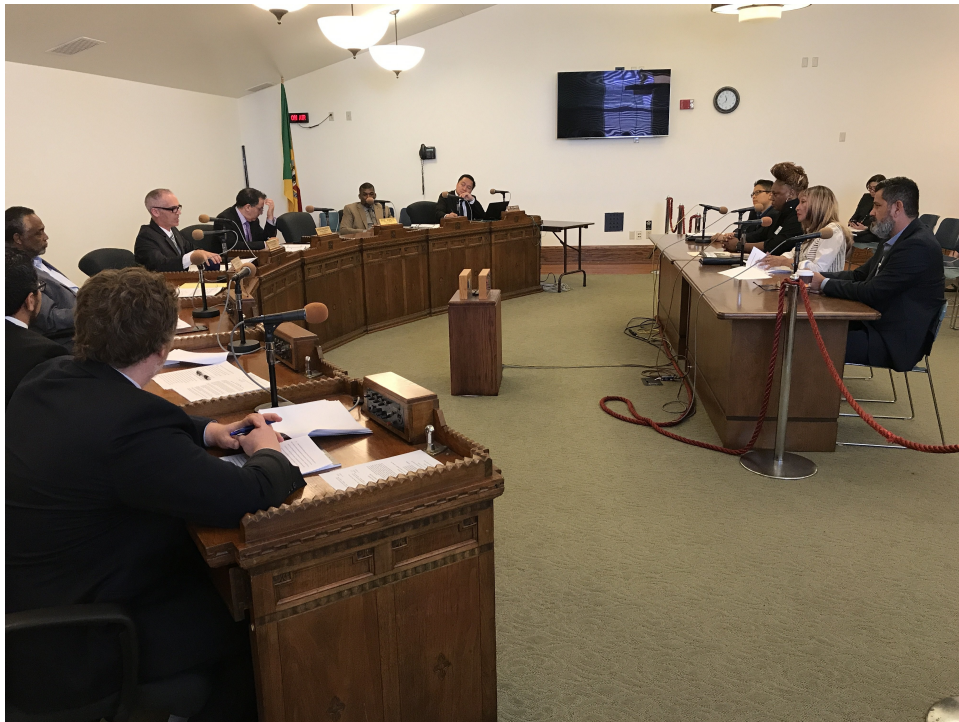
SILVER LAKE RESERVOIR - Thank you to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for working with the Council office to host a walking tour of the Silver Lake reservoir south dam. Opening the South Dam to the public is a short term improvement we can make to enhance public access to the Reservoir; an element in the original 2000 Silver Lake Reservoir Master Plan. The walking tour was a success, and it was great to hear the positive feedback from those who attended. Our office will continue to work with DWP to ensure the path will be a great amenity to the community as per the Master Plan.

PUBLIC SAFETY TOUR



HOLLYWOOD - Mitch joined the Los Angeles Police Department, Hollywood Business Improvement District, and local stakeholders to tour the Hollywood Walk of Fame to assess any public safety issues. Mitch is looking at ways to improve the resident and visitor experience in the heart of 'Old Hollywood.'

TRANSGENDER ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT



CITY HALL - At Mitch's request, the City's Transgender Advisory Council provided a verbal report on the issues facing the Transgender community in the wake of the Presidential election. The Council shared concerns regarding homelessness, the underground economy, and safe spaces for the Transgender community.

LGBT HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION



CITY HALL -- Please RSVP for the City's annual LGBT Heritage Month event to celebrate 'The Art of Resistance.' The event will service to honor artists and activists who are blazing a trail to advance equality in the City of Angels.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



HOLLYWOOD -- Celebrating our newest star on the Walk of Fame - [Metro's new Bike Hub](#)! A great addition to our bicycle infrastructure.

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